

STREET LAMPS.—Sir: Might not an important improvement be effected, in the lighting of our streets, if the angular upper part of our gas lamps were made of looking-glass, or of some other reflecting surface, by which the light might be thrown down, instead of being wasted upwards as at present.—J. RORR.

NOTICES OF CONTRACTS, &c.

The authorities of the Stamp Office having given us notice to discontinue the insertion of our list of contracts, &c., excepting as advertisements, we, in deference to their wishes, omit them for the present, but have taken steps to place the facts of the case properly before them, and, as we hope, remove their objections. In the meantime a list may be seen at our office.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"External Colouring for Old Buildings."—Mode of making a permanent colouring seems a desideratum.
 "A Lads."—The term "properly throated" (not a common expression), would imply properly gathering in the square mouth of the flue, to prevent the smoke from hanging there.
 "W. L."—No licence is necessary for a measurer of land. A licence to value may be obtained at Somerset House.
 "Polytechnic."—The *Itinerarium Generale de l'Architecture*, &c., was a periodical work, and has not been translated as a whole.
 "A. J. G."—Thanks.
 "H. Murrell."—shall have our opinion when we have tried them.
 "Sassaparilla."—Apply to the director, Mr. Wilson.
 "Constant Reader."—We cannot assist him in finding work abroad.
 "H. L."—We have lost sight of the party named.
 "W. F."—Mr. B. is liable for the fees.
 "Full of Houses, Disruption."—We cannot insert many more above.
 "I. D. C."—Write to Mr. Wright, Hanwell Brick-field.
 "H. R."—We shall be happy to look at the drawings if left for us, and will return them safely.
 "Architectural Chemistry."—The lectures were not published.
 "H. A. H."—A window lighting a room from a staircase skylight, is liable for duty.
 "Received."—X. Z. X., "P. M. B.," "J. G. S.," "A. S.," "L. H. I."—Literary and Scientific Register and Almanac for 1847, by Mr. Gutz (Longman), Sixpence. The Metallic Plate, Invitation to Mrs. Severn's Concert, to take place on the 31st December.
 "Books and Addresses."—We have not time to point out books or find addresses.
 "Kasatim."—The illustration of Skellan Architecture, in the last number, should have been headed "Doorway at Laxadia in Gurgenti," instead of Laxabis, Gurgenti.

TO PROVINCIAL READERS.—In reply to complaints of the irregular delivery of *THE BUILDER* in provincial towns, we beg leave to state that it is invariably published by seven o'clock on Friday morning; and that the irregularity complained of rests entirely with the parties through whom it is obtained.

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